

WORLD NEWS.

M'KANE TO BE FREED?

May Get His Liberty with Other Criminals Pardoned.

Shepard Says He Would Be at Once Arrested Again.

At Least Eleven Indictments on Which He Could Be Tried.

It has been a matter of common report for several days past that the friends of John J. McKane, late "King of Coney Island," and at present a convict working in the tailor shop of Sing Sing prison, were making efforts to induce Gov. Flower to pardon him.

Rumors regarding McKane, since he was taken to Sing Sing, have been so common that much attention was paid to these most recent ones, until to-day they assumed a more definite form.

It was said that Gov. Flower had been seen in regard to the matter, and, while he would not agree to pardon McKane before the coming Fall election, he was quoted as saying McKane's friends in no doubt as to what he might do after the election.

As Gov. Flower has already released several more or less notorious criminals, McKane's friends had great hopes for their former leader.

The rumor stated that the gentleman most conspicuous in McKane's conviction would sign the petition for his release.

Supreme Court Justice William J. Gaynor, of Brooklyn, when interviewed this afternoon, said:

"I do not believe that a petition is being circulated for McKane's pardon. Certainly none has been sent to me for my signature. I have received many letters in regard to the case, but it is a matter that I would like to be excused from talking about."

Gen. Tracy, when seen by "The Evening World" reporter, said he had heard nothing of the matter.

"Would you sign such a petition?" asked the reporter.

"Oh, that would be a matter to which I would have to give serious consideration," replied Gen. Tracy, "and then I would have to sign it."

"You had better see Mr. Shepard concerning the matter."

At "Evening World" reporter called on Mr. Edward M. Shepard at his office, 11 Broadway. He said: "I have not been asked to sign such a petition, and I know nothing of the movement for McKane's release. If he were pardoned by Gov. Flower, I should be surprised to hear of it."

He would be promptly rearrested and tried on other indictments. We have at least seven indictments against him, and McKane on the matter he could be tried.

MUST PAY THE \$2,000.

Justice Gaynor Refuses to Set Aside Mrs. Bennett's Judgment.

Justice Gaynor, in the Supreme Court, Brooklyn, this morning handed down a decision in which he declines to set aside a judgment of \$2,000 rendered by Justice Bennett against Jacob B. Shipner, a Queens County lawyer.

Mrs. Bennett claimed that on Jan. 12, 1894, Shipner, under a name, had secured a verdict for \$2,000 against Shipner individually. Shipners were found to be the same person.

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A JUVENILE SNEAK THIEF.

Thirteen-Year-Old Boy Admits Stealing Two Watches.

Caught While Robbing the Money Drawer in a Saloon.

At Least Eleven Indictments on Which He Could Be Tried.

A juvenile sneak thief, who described himself as August Ball, aged thirteen, of 842 Fulton street, Brooklyn, was a prisoner this morning before Justice Tigue in the Butler Street Court, charged with attempting to rob the money drawer in John Morrissey's saloon, 781 Fulton street.

Morrissey was sitting outside the store last night when he heard somebody moving around within, and upon entering he saw the boy creeping behind the counter. He grabbed him, and despite the youngster's struggles to get free he held him until Policemen Meyer arrived and the boy was taken to the Bergen street station.

Questioned by the police, he admitted that he was one of the boys who visited the jewelry store of Thomas J. Skidmore, 759 Fulton street, a week ago and stole two watches.

He was sitting in the store while Mr. Skidmore was sitting in the rear, and asked if he had any more watches he would like to steal. He refused to tell who his companion was. He said they had pawned the watches with a certain broker going to the store on upper Fulton street.

When asked \$200 was found in his possession, which he admitted, he said he did not know what he ought to do with the money, and he said he would decide later.

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FOUGHT IN A POLICE WAGON.

Two Prisoners Turned on a Patrolman and Tried to Escape.

He Was the Only Officer on Hand, but His Club Was a Trump.

At Least Eleven Indictments on Which He Could Be Tried.

Officer Hughes told Justice Steers in the Lee Avenue Court, Williamsburg, to-day that John Legano was the liveliest drunkard he had ever handled. Legano was fined \$10, which he paid.

The prisoner, who says he is a drug clerk, and lives at 688 De Kalb avenue, was picked up at Park avenue last night very much the worse for wear.

He was quiet until escorted to the patrol wagon, and then he started in to thrash Hughes. In this he was assisted by another prisoner named John McCabe, and, as the officer tried to get down the wagon, the driver being busy attending to his horses, it was a fight of two against one.

Legano had a billy in his pocket, and McCabe a knife. The officer tried to climb over the side of the wagon, but he was not successful.

The one blow was all that McCabe required, and he rested quietly in the bottom of the wagon. The officer, however, did not let up on Legano, and he struggled with the officer all the way to the station.

By the time they arrived there McCabe had revived, but Hughes grabbed him and put him in the patrol wagon.

Officer Hughes was commended this morning for not having let his prisoners escape. He is a little man, but one of the best fighters on the force.

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HER DIAMOND RINGS STOLEN.

Mysterious Robbery at Mrs. MacVaugh's Brooklyn Home.

Money and Other Articles Untouched by the Thieves.

At Least Eleven Indictments on Which He Could Be Tried.

Mrs. William T. MacVaugh, of 252 De Kalb avenue, Brooklyn, was completely mystified this morning over a daring robbery of her valuable diamond rings. When the robbery took place, or how it happened, she is at a loss to imagine.

She is a member of one of Brooklyn's most select social circles. Her husband is in the commission business in White street, New York.

In telling of the loss of her jewels to an "Evening World" reporter, Mrs. MacVaugh said:

The most remarkable case of robbery I have heard of. There does not seem to be the slightest foundation on which to base a clue. As you see, the house is of brown-stone. The basement windows are tightly barred. There are but four means of ingress unless through the windows, namely, the two basements doors, front and rear; the main front door, and the scuttle-hole on the roof.

"I returned from the country only last week with my two children, a boy and girl. Mr. MacVaugh was at the house nearly every day during the summer. He was only while he was here that I discovered that my watch was gone also."

"An investigation showed that the scuttle-hole had not been opened. I do not believe Maggie touched the rings, as she is an old and faithful servant."

"Which I found out when my boy went with his bicycle and did not close the basement gate. It must have been opened some twenty minutes."

"On leaving home I noticed a large number of rough-looking men in front of the house. The only thing I have is that one of them slipped in and took the rings. But on the other hand, it seems strange to me that nothing but the rings and watch were taken."

"In the parlor there is a quantity of small bric-a-brac that could easily have been taken. The rings and watch are the only things of value that were taken."

"If the thief will bring them back I will reward him handsomely, and ask no questions."

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GEMS IN THE SEIZURE-ROOM.

Rare Bric-a-Brac and Rugs Which Uncle Sam Confiscated.

All to Be Sold Under the Hammer at the Barge Office.

At Least Eleven Indictments on Which He Could Be Tried.

Securely locked up in a room in the Federal building is probably the finest and most valuable collection, for its size, of Persian and Turkish brass hammered work, gold and silver embroidered velvet rugs, prayer carpets and covers, nakhlies and Oriental bric-a-brac seen in New York for many a day. These

articles are in the care of the United States Marshal, and will be sold by his official auctioneers to the highest bidder early next month.

They were seized several months ago by the Customs authorities for undervaluation. Under the Customs regulations all seized parcels of goods appraised at \$500 or over must pass through the Marshal's hands, and if not redeemed when suit is brought are sold by him. If appraised at less than \$500, then the Customs officers sell them at auction down at the Barge Office.

There are fifty-one lots in the collection in the case of the seized goods. Most of the rugs and carpets are so heavily with embroideries that they are

difficult to handle. There are also embroidered robes that outvie in design and vivid hues the choicest productions of the Japanese.

There are two hammered antique brass candlesticks which expert workmen in the East have made. They are of skilled handiwork. They are minutely perforated and embellished with numerous carved ornaments of gold and silver, and many other things of value.

The police are now in possession of a large number of small bric-a-brac that could easily have been taken. The rings and watch are the only things of value that were taken.

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